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SUBJECT: FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY (PCF) DECLARATION ON
SECRETARY'S VISIT

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SUMMARY: PCF, WHILE CONTINUING ITS ATTACK ON THE

SECRETARY WHOM IT ACCUSES OF "INTERFERENCE, INTIMIDATION AND DOMINATION...IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF FOREIGN NATIONS," REMINDS ITS READERS OF AMERICAN CONTRIBUTIONS TO "FREEDOM AND PROGRESS." END SUMMARY.

1. PCF DECLARATION, FRONT-PAGED BY DAILY L'HUMANITE, IS TRANSLATED BELOW IN ITS ENTIRETY (UNOFFICIAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION):

BEGIN QUOTE: MR. HENRY KISSINGER IS TODAY VISITING THE PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC. THE FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY HAS ALWAYS CONSIDERED THAT IN PRINCIPLE SUCH MEETINGS ARE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF NORMAL INTER-STATE RELATIONS. IT IS DEVOTED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF SUCH RELATIONS BETWEEN FRANCE AND THE US. IN THIS, THE YEAR WHEN THE BICENTENNIAL OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE IS CELEBRATED, FRENCH COMMUNISTS DO NOT FORGET EVERYTHING THAT THE IDEAS OF FREEDOM AND PROGRESS -- THOSE OF THE FRENCH REVOLUTION OF 1789 -- OWE TO THE GREAT STRUGGLE FOR THE CREATION OF THE US; NOR (DO THEY FORGET) THE SACRIFICES OF AMERICAN COMBATANTS DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST FASCISM. FRENCH COMMUNISTS FEEL FRIENDSHIP AND SYMPATHY FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

IT IS PRECISELY ON THE BASIS OF THESE IDEAS AND THESE FEELINGS THAT THEY (FRENCH COMMUNISTS) VIGOROUSLY PROTEST AGAINST THE PRESENT CONDUCT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE US WHICH MR. KISSINGER REPRESENTS IN PARIS. (HE) CONCEIVES HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS ALLIES ONLY IN TERMS OF INTIMIDATION AND DOMINATION. HE BRUTALLY INTERFERES IN INTERNAL STATE AFFAIRS. ONLY RECENTLY MR. KISSINGER WENT SO FAR AS TO DENY TO THE FRENCH PEOPLE ITS RIGHT TO FREELY CHOOSE ITS OWN GOVERNMENT AND TO THREATEN REPRISALS IN CASE THE FRENCH PEOPLE ELECT A GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF THE LEFT IN WHICH THE COMMUNISTS WOULD HAVE THEIR PLACE. THIS IS AN INADMISSIBLE INTERVENTION IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF FRANCE. THIS IS AN INTOLERABLE PRESSURE NOT ONLY FOR THOSE FRENCHMEN WHO CHOOSE THE COMMON PROGRAM BUT ALSO FOR ALL PATRIOTS ATTACHED TO THE INDEPENDENCE OF THEIR COUNTRY. THIS THREAT TO (OUR) NATIONAL DIGNITY DID NOT CALL FORTH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE SLIGHTEST REACTION FROM MR. GISCARD D'ESTAING. THE
ADMINISTRATION THUS CONFIRMS ITS POLICY OF ABANDONMENT,
OF THE INTEGRATION OF FRANCE INTO THE ATLANTIC BLOC AND
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THAT ITS POLICY IS INSPIRED BY EGOTISTICAL CLASS OBJECTIVES AND CARRIED OUT TO THE DETRIMENT OF NATIONAL INTERESTS. ALREADY VARIOUS AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL AND FINANCIAL GROUPS ARE ASSURING THEMSELVES (WITH THE COMPLICITY OF THE GISCARD ADMINISTRATION) OF THE CONTROL OF ENTIRE SECTORS OF OUR ECONOMY SUCH AS THE NUCLEAR, COMPUTER, ENERGY AND AERONAUTICAL FIELDS. THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST CONCORDE HAS NOT CEASED TO GROW WITHOUT ANY GOVERNMENT RESPONSE. THE DOMINATION OF THE DOLLAR IS BECOMING HEAVIER. THE FRENCH PEOPLE ARE ADULTS. WE HAVE ALWAYS STOOD UP AGAINST THOSE WHO WOULD TREAT US AS VASSALS AND WHO WOULD DICTATE THEIR WILL TO US FROM ABROAD.

THE PCF BASES ITS CURRENT DEMARCHE ON THIS GREAT TRADITION. IN THE FACE OF THE DOMINATING WILL OF AMERICAN IMPERIALISM AND THE ARROGANCE OF MR. KISSINGER, THE PCF WISHES TODAY TO UNDERLINE ITS REFUSAL OF ALL FOREIGN INTERFERENCE, ITS WILL TO DEFEND IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES THE NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY AND DIGNITY. IN ACTING IN THIS WAY, IT BELIEVES THAT IT IS STRUGGLING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REAL RELATIONSHIP OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION WITH THE US, A RELATIONSHIP WHICH CAN ONLY BE BASED ON MUTUAL RESPECT, RECIPROCAL ADVANTAGES AND EQUAL RIGHTS. END QUOTE.

2. COMMENT: L'HUMANITE GAVE THE PCF DECLARATION THE TOP SPOT IN THE PAPER. WE BELIEVE THAT THE PCF'S EMPHASIS ON ITS FRIENDSHIP FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE US, TAKEN WITH ITS EXPRESSED MEMORIES OF AMERICAN CONTRIBUTION TO EUROPEAN FREEDOM DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR, REPRESENT YET ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO GAIN POINTS WITH FRENCH VOTERS. ANTI-AMERICANISM, IN THE PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE SENSE, HAS NEVER BEEN A SALABLE COMMODITY IN FRANCE.
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